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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Call to Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird
Re Conversation with Chairman Allen Ellender on
Budget Matters

Today the Director' told me he had called Secretary Laird regarding a conversation the Director had just had with Senator Ellender regarding intelligence budget matters. The Director told Laird that Ellender felt that intelligence budgets should be put into accounts not requiring the authorization process, and that tactical intelligence should be covered in the operational accounts of the various services. The Director had said he had told Ellender that he would like to work the problem out with Laird and Ellender urged that he move quickly. The Director had promised Ellender he would do so and be back in touch with Ellender on Monday, 6 December. The Director said he would like Laird's agreement for Colonel White to work on the problem with DOD Comptroller Moot, to which Laird agreed.

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